(c) if so, what steps Government intend to take to curtail such a negative representation of women in the name of entertainment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Correspondence of MPs with Ministry

5342. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of letters written by the Members of Parliament to the Ministry during the period from 1st April, 1994 to 31st March, 1995;

(b) what is the number of letters acknowledge out of them;

(c) what is the number of letters in respect of which final replies were sent; and

(d) what is the break-up of final letters issued by the Ministry containing positive and negative replies respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) As many as 2891 letters were received from Members of Parliament during the period 1st April, 1994 to 31st March, 1995.

(b) 2677 letters were acknowledged and the rest were processed for final reply expeditiously.

(c) Final replies in respect of 1312 letters have been sent.

(d) Of the total number of 1312 letters replied to during the period, 565 letters were positive and 729 are negative. Two letters were transferred to Ministry of Human Resource Development for further processing and 16 letters were not required to be replied.

Representation for Setting up of Low Power Transmitters at Basot

5343. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1157 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st March, 1995 and state:.

(a) whether any representation has been received from residents of Basot and nearby villages regarding the setting up of VLPT at Basot;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any delay in the supply of equipments and other infrastructural facilities for setting up VLPT there;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether a suitable site for the VLPT has been provided by the State Government authorities; if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the source of funds required for the purpose of setting up of VLPT at Basot in Almora district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Representations have been received from various quarters from time to time for setting up of TV transmitter at Basot in Uttar Pradesh. The requisite details are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) to (f) Whereas equipment for the VLPT at Basot in Almora district has been supplied, the site identified for the TV transmitter at Basot has not been handed over to Doordarshan by the State Government so far. Adequate funds are available to implement the scheme.

Statement

Names of VIP/Non-VIP	Subject
Jeevan Sharma, M.P. Dated 26.11.1993	TV relay centre at Manila in Almora district and VLPTs at Basot, Bhikiasen and Binsar in Almora district.
Harish Rawat, Ex-M.P. Dated 20.1.1994	Installation of TVRC (VLPT) at Basot, Bhikiasen in Almora district.
J.S. Rawat Dated 21.2.1994 General Secretary, Manila Mandir Construction Committee (Almora) Branch, Delhi	Installation of High Power TV Transmitter at Manila in Almora district to provide coverage to villages in Almora district.

Censoring News, Views and Advertisements on Doordarshan

5344. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the mechanism in AIR and Doordarshan for censoring news, views and advertisements;

(b) the news, views and items deleted/modified/censored before broadcast from capsules each month during January to April, 1995 by Doordarshan; and

(c) whether Government are exercising any censorship or control on programmes and advertisements broadcast by various organisations including advertisement of alcoholic drinks/smoking etc., by Indian and foreign media?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) AIR and Doordarshan preview all programmes (except live broadcast/telecasts) and advertisements before broadcast/telecast in order to ensure that they conform to the AIR Code/Guidelines governing news and current affairs/Code for Commercial Broadcasting/Advertising.

(b) Such details are not maintained centrally in a compiled form.

(c) The programmes carried on the cable television networks, which can be received through the use of a specialised gadget, decoder are required to conform to the prescribed programme/advertisement code in terms of the provisions of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995. The other programmes/advertisements carried on foreign satellite channels do not fall within the ambit of the laws of this country.

Demand for Installing T.V. Transmitter in Meerut District

5345. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:
SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that district Meerut, Uttar Pradesh is without any TV transmitter facility;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the persons belonging to UP State have been demanding from Central Government since long for the installation of a TV transmitter; and

(d) if so, the reasons for which no TV Transmitter has so far been installed and by when it is likely to be installed?